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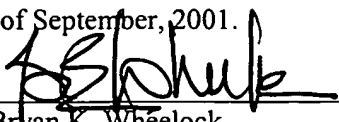


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 8, 2001, the time for response to which has been extended by the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Cancel claim 1~~ without prejudice.

Rewrite claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) A magnetically navigable endoscope system comprising:  
an endoscope having a proximal end and a distal end, the distal end having a magnetic body;

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